

'There's an app for that'

By Trey Williams
News Editor

Do fart noises give you a giggle? There is an app for that. Are you into Voodoo and sticking push pins into a doll that looks kind of like your ex? Well, there is an app for that. Maybe you like to read and just want to see what B.D. Owens has to offer? There is now even an app for that.

Since its inception Jan. 9, 2007, Apple's iPhone has taken the world by storm and helped define a generation. And when the iPhone's first application was created in 2008, according to www.cnet.com, the floodgates were opened.

Hong Gyu Han, automation specialist for B.D. Owens Library, created his own application last fall that will allow students to check the library's catalog via their iPhone. The application is free for everyone and can be found by searching B.D. Owens in the iTunes App Store.

Han said that the appli-

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New student email format approved

By Brittany Keithley
Editor-in-Chief

Following the approval of last semester's student email proposal the Northwest Leadership Team and the Public Relations Office approved the new Northwest student email format, @mail.nwmissouri.edu

The Northwest Leadership Team approved the new email proposal last trimester. Sean Sheil, senior systems administrator, continued with the project until the new format @mail.nwmissouri.edu needed additional approval by the Northwest Leadership Team and the Public Relations Office.

"We finally got the approval to use mail.nwmis-

souri.edu," Sheil said. "I think we are still looking for a spring break type break to release it."

With the new format, students will have the opportunity to transfer over any old emails or information as the old email will be available for a period of time.

Without this format switch, students would lose any emails or addresses.

Jon Rickman, vice president of information systems, hopes the project keeps the momentum up to have it in the hands of students by the end of the trimester.

"The project is moving along and information will need to be distributed in March and April," Rickman said.

Sigma Tau Delta celebrates 80 years

By Trey Williams
News Editor

Sincerity, Truth, Design—the three values that Northwest's Epsilon Gamma chapter of Sigma Tau Delta have esteemed for now 80 years.

Sigma Tau Delta is an English honor society for English and writing majors and minors. The national organization was founded in 1924.

Brenda Ryan, composition and introduction to literature instructor, has been the sponsor of Sigma Tau Delta for five years and recognizes her predecessor for helping the organization to what it is today.

"Chanda Funston was the sponsor for 15 years before me," Ryan said. "I credit her with getting students involved."

Ryan was a member of Sigma Tau Delta in her days at Northwest and is excited for the anniversary.

"We're thinking of planning some kind of celebration," Ryan said. "Some way to acknowledge the anniversary. They will probably give us a plaque at the conference too."

Sigma Tau Delta offers its members the opportunity to go to conferences where they can present critical papers and creative work. They can also enter competitions for essays and apply for scholarships specifically for them. Last year's conference in Pittsburgh attracted 900 members.

In order to join Sigma Tau Delta, students must be an English major or minor, have 12 credit hours of college English, hold a 3.0 GPA in their English courses and have an overall GPA of 2.8.

"I feel really honored to be affiliated with this group," Ryan said.

Applications for Sigma Tau Delta will be available next week and the initiation is scheduled for March 2.



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LARRY LINTHACUM ADDRESSES a small crowd at the press conference where he was announced as the new Maryville R-II superintendent. Linthacum holds an education specialist degree from Northwest.

Maryville R-II announces new superintendent

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

Larry Linthacum was selected as the new Maryville R-II superintendent Feb. 9. He comes to Maryville after three years of experience as superintendent at South Harrison R-II School District, and has an education specialist degree from Northwest.

"Maryville to me is just a dream job," Linthacum said. "It is known to me and I think to many throughout the state that the traditions here, the commitment to excellence, the expectations - bottom line, all that is here for the kids."

"When you've got high expectations in all areas, kids succeed."

Linthacum was one of five candidates recommended to

the Maryville School Board by a designated Missouri School Board Association representative. They interviewed the top three candidates last week after the snowstorms pushed them a week behind schedule.

Circuit Clerk Elaine Wilson, president of the seven-member Maryville School Board, is optimistic of Linthacum's priority on student success as well as his financial experience.

"I think he's got a really good grasp of school district finances," Wilson said. "I think Dr. Miller has done really great with keeping us financially sound and I think Mr. Linthacum will just continue to add onto that. So even though we're in hard economic times, I

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Task force to revise Northwest's health care plan

State budget cuts complicate new health care plans

By Melinda Bell
Missourian Reporter

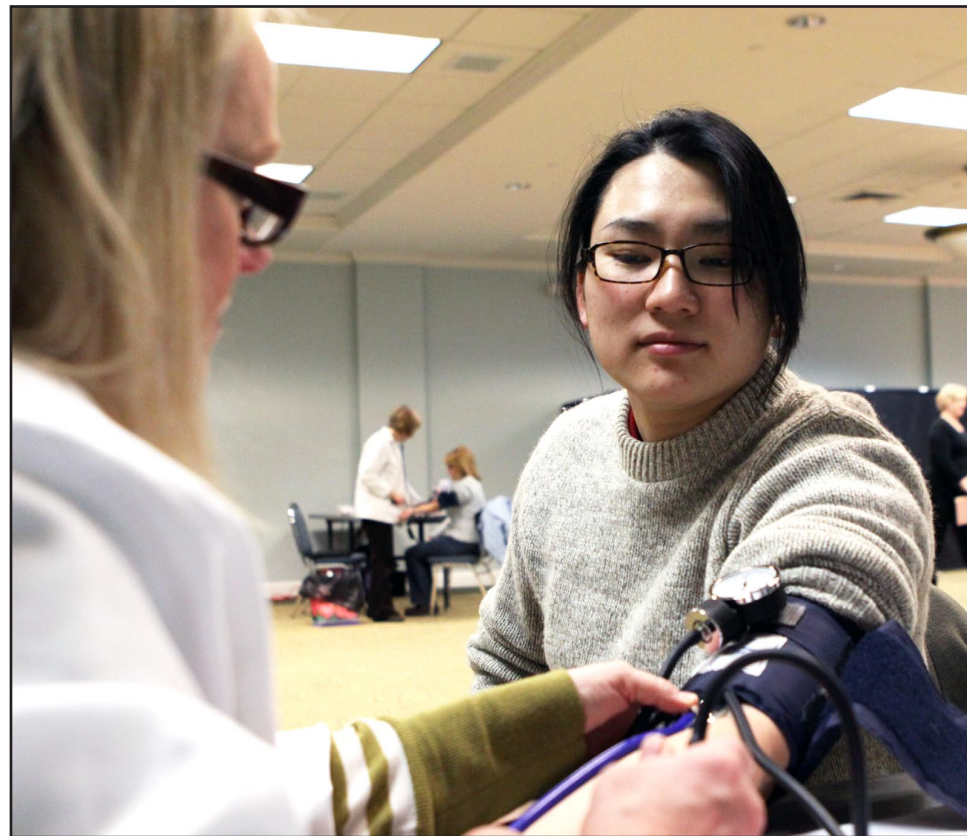
Northwest Missouri State University employees are hoping for some upcoming price changes in their health care plans.

Northwest established a task force to examine the University's employee health care plans and look for revision possibilities.

The task force includes a regent, representative from each employee group (faculty, professors and support staff), and a benefits consultant. Currently Northwest has three health care plans that employees can choose from. Any employee who works 30 hours a week is eligible for these plans. While all of them offer helpful benefits, the cost is a different story.

"Yes, coverage for dependants is outrageously high," Heather Kline, academic services assistant, said.

Kline is financially strapped from paying more than \$700 per month for her two children to be included on her insurance. While the health care plans are revised every first of the year, all of the policies including dental, vision, life and long term disability will be examined during the task force's



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LIBRARIAN SARAH PARK gets her blood pressured checked by Nurse Leslie Burch on Thursday in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. The annual Health Risk Assessment provides health services to the faculty of Northwest.

monthly meetings.

For Michelle Drake, human resource specialist, the University health care coverage is so high she cannot afford to put her children and husband on her insurance plan. This is a problem not only affecting Drake but other Northwest employees as well.

"If the cost of health care

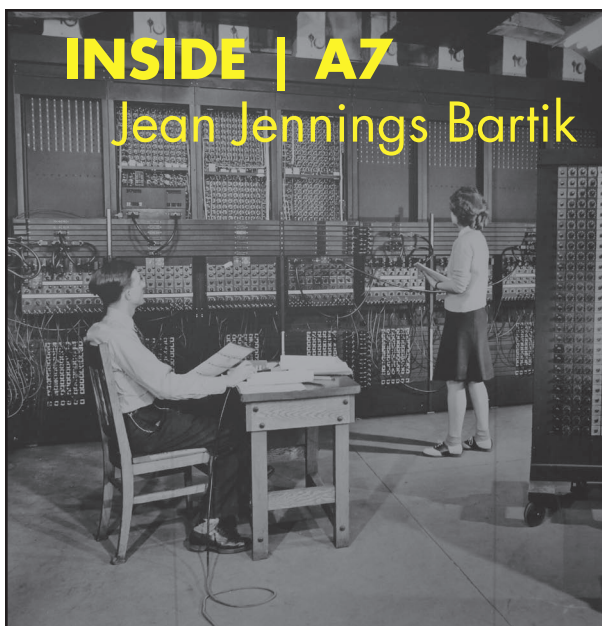
would decrease, I would be able to put my family on my insurance and not have to seek outside insurance companies," Drake said.

While some Northwest employees have trouble with the price of insurance, not all are suffering from the costs. Bayo Oludaja, assistant professor in communications, says he is happy with

the benefits his insurance plan provides since he does not have any dependants he only pays the base amount for himself.

During next month's meeting, the task force plans to put a bid together for all of the health care policies.

If the task force agrees on the plans by Jan. 1, 2012 they will be put into effect.



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Jean Jennings Bartik

Paws with healing powers

Local stray is a greeter by day, healer by night

By Mary Conners
Missourian Reporter

From a crowded stray shelter in Kentucky to Northwest's South Complex and the refined nursing facility of Maryville's Golden Living Center, Hollie the pug has become one of the familiar faces among bearcats and Alzheimer's patients.

When Hollie first arrived at the local Kentucky animal shelter, she was in need of medical attention and a happy home. The pug mix was pregnant with a litter of puppies and the shelter had already decided to have her euthanized after she gave birth. Luckily for the scraggly haired black and grey pug, her destiny would be redesigned by owner Casey Fraites.

You may know her as the hall director of South Complex, but Fraites and Hollie are two peas in a pod. On campus, Hollie graces the halls of South with

her playful presence, greeting students as well as faculty and staff. At the nursing facility, Fraites has been tracking the increased engagement senses of Alzheimer patients who interact with Hollie as part of her final thesis to earn her therapeutic recreation degree since fall of 2010.

Therapy interaction includes activities such as walking, playing and picking up the medium sized companion to increase muscle strength.

"They love her. Patients that are usually seclusive start to open up whenever she comes around," Fraites said.

The residents of the nursing facility have become so accustomed to her, that they treat her like one of their own. Fraites jokingly admitted that the resident have began to spoil her and have become so attached to her furry companion that they accidentally fed Hollie grapes and chocolate chip cookies. Even the South residents make efforts to come by Fraites' apartment to visit Hollie.

But Hollie is much more

than what meets the eye. In order to be allowed to work in a nursing facility, pets must pass testing requirements and be observed by an evaluator to become certified. Hollie received her basic level certification at age three through Therapy Dogs International in less than 20 minutes.

"Therapy with Hollie has become a huge success," Fraites said. "There has been no negative response."

Fraites has been working with therapy dogs since she was 12 years old. Her mother has two high-leveled certified dogs, so it is safe to say that this passion for pet therapy runs in the family. Hollie, now five, is Fraites' second therapy dog.

Hollie's success story continues to climb as she has been requested by the local elementary school to be used as a reading therapy dog to help improve students' reading abilities. By this time next year, both Hollie and Fraites will be working full time at a center in Kansas City, Mo. Hollie proves that every dog has its day.



HOLLIE SITS ON her owner Casey Fraites' lap on Monday in her office. Hollie has basic level certification in therapy.

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BARBERSHOP QUARTET



KEVIN BIRDSSELL | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

(FROM LEFT) SAM DOLLINS, REED Pattee, Dan Rasmussen and Chad Whiting sang love songs on Monday. The quartet represented the Central Standard barbershop group that delivered songs in Maryville and Kansas City, Mo. on Valentine's Day.

Intimate performance shows real world couples

By Ben Lawson
Missourian Reporter

This Friday and Saturday at 7:30, student thespians take the stage of the Black Box Theater at the Houston Center of Performing Arts.

A small troupe of Northwest students will perform "The Pattern is Broken" at 7:30 this Friday and Saturday in the small theater in the basement of the Houston Center. Tickets for the event are \$3.

The play is about two couples traveling down opposite ends of the marriage time line, with one couple heading

for divorce and another celebrating their engagement.

The production's director, Heather Cooney, feels Northwest students will find the play easy to relate to.

"It's a play about real life and the relationships that affect us all," Cooney said.

The cast for the production is small, with only four actors and one technical staff member. But cast member Erika Baker feels this will

provide a strong mood for their performance.

"I love doing Black Box shows because the environment is so up close and intimate," Baker said.

Auditions for the act took place in January. Since then, the crew rehearses as well as building friendships with each other outside of practice.

"We have hung out a few times to encourage 'cast bonding' which has been very

successful; we call ourselves a family now," Baker said.

Cooney began searching for a script to perform over the summer before her junior year. When she read the script for "The Pattern is Broken," she felt she found a play she could connect to.

Cast members feel the play could leave a strong impression on Northwest students.

"It ("The Pattern is Broken") is very real and raw. It isn't one of those plays that tries to make the world seem light and airy. It is both happy and depressing and will hit people in the gut," Baker said.

Weekend Events

Feb. 18 Friday

All Day

- Karen Hawkins Memorial Week
- Sigma Society Service Week
- Track & Field at Central Missouri Classic, Warrensburg
- Tickets on Sale - The Montana Rep presents Bus Stop Administration Building In conjunction with the Encore Performing Arts Series.
<http://www.nwmissouri.edu/campusactivities/encore.htm>

7:30 pm

- Theatre: "The Pattern is Broken"
- Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts The Pattern is Broken by Ian Stansel - A Theatre Northwest Lab Series Production

Feb. 19 Saturday

All Day

- Missouri Academy: Preview Day
- Sigma Society Service Week

1:30 pm

- Women's basketball at Central Missouri, Warrensburg

3:30 pm

- Men's basketball at Central Missouri, Warrensburg
- Theatre: "The Pattern is Broken"
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By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

"We've done no debate on it," Reven said. "...It's not something our Governmental Affairs committee is


The legislation could aid part-time employees, especially college students, who do not feel the need to

The Missouri General Assembly will vote on legislation regarding the right-to-vote if it passes from committee. There is no formal legislation at this time.

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TIM CARLYLE OF the Information Systems department gets his blood pressure checked by nurse Leslie Burch Thursday in the Ballroom of the J.W. Jones Student Union. The annual Health Risk Assessment provides health services to the faculty of Northwest.

OUR VIEW: UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE

Give them a break

Northwest President John Jasinski and Northwest Leadership Team members have sworn that the recent budget shortfalls will not be carried solely on the backs of the students. And while our tuition will increase, it will not be nearly as bad as Missouri Western's speculated 10 percent hike. However, it is time that Northwest rewards the faculty and staff, and that could come in the form of better health care coverage.

Northwest faculty and staff have gone three years without raises. At the same time, many of them have realized the scarcity of jobs and taken on more classes or larger class sizes, which add up to longer hours.

At this point, it would be nice to reward them with the end-all, be-all health insurance cover-

age plan. As the health care task force considers possible plans, they certainly ought to keep that in mind.

Yes, it could be expensive, but not if it is done correctly. Rates will drastically drop for recipients who take care of their bodies and lower their health risks. People make careers out of keeping employees smoke-free, exercising and dieting. It makes for a relatively inexpensive – yet high quality – insurance package.

This is just a stepping stone toward higher base pay for faculty and staff. They have gone long enough without major recognition. If the state budget cuts mean that the raises must be waylaid until next year, at least faculty and staff know that they and their families will be adequately covered.

Selective loyalty in the Republican party

Most Americans, given the choice between dictatorship and freedom, either for themselves or for others, will choose freedom. That's not the case with Egypt and the Mubarak regime. Now, the majority of Americans support the Egyptian protestors. However, perhaps predictably, the far-right-wing has voiced its support of the Mubarak regime as an ally of the United States and Israel.

For example, former Republican senator and Fox News contributor Rick Santorum attacked Obama for not standing with the regime in Egypt (which he admits is "corrupt and tyrannical"), on the grounds that Obama stood with the anti-American Ahmadinejad regime during the Iranian 2009 protests. However, this claim is untrue: Obama dodged taking sides on the issue, although he said that he stood strongly "with the universal principle that people's voices should be heard and not suppressed." Santorum also stated that Mubarak was "a friend of the United States," and strongly implied that Obama is intentionally standing with our enemies (such as the protestors, in his mind) and turning our backs on our allies.

The right has also continued the tradition of associating anyone they don't like with communism. Fox

News host Glenn Beck stated that "... socialists, communists, and extreme Islamicists [are] all working together in Egypt to bring this about."

Many people have wondered why the right has stood against the protestors in Egypt, while supporting the overthrow of similar regimes, namely Saddam Hussein's Iraq. In response to the question of Iraq, Republican columnist Ann Coulter stated that "... you don't want to be taking out the sane leaders and allowing democracy in Pakistan or Afghanistan, Egypt isn't quite that, it seems a little to be a little bit closer to Iran or Iraq, but what is the obvious outcome?" In other words, she doesn't want democracy in Egypt, because the people might elect someone she disagrees with.

She went on to reinforce the point that Egypt under Mubarak is a friend of the United States, saying that "...if we have an ally who's loyal to the United States, as Mubarak was, why do you want to be stirring up trouble in a country like that?..." and "you don't go around disturbing countries where you have a loyal ally."

The last comments are the most telling. The right historically has supported tyrants who were of benefit to them, such as Somoza in Nicaragua, Ngo Dinh Diem in South Vietnam and Manuel Noriega in Panama. Now, Hosni Mubarak is added to the list. The general consensus among the far right is that freedom is irrelevant when the regime benefits the United States.

CAMPUS TALK

Are the employee health coverage improvements worth the extra money?



"Yes, because they work really hard. When they become sick they are penalized with missing work and possibly high cost if they don't have better health insurance."

Emily Mynatt
Elementary and Special Education



"No, absolutely not. With all the state and federal budget cuts that have taken place recently, everyone should be tightening their belts including faculty and staff of the University."

Doug Porter
Business Economics



"I think it's important that our faculty receives good health care, because they are giving up their lives to teach us and take care of our campus so they should be taken care of too."

Emily Powers
Social Science Ed.



"Yes, I think faculty and staff should get better health insurance because they dedicate their time to better students, and they shouldn't have to worry about the high finances dealt with it."

Stephanie Strube
Middle School Education



"No. Missouri is in the process of doing a state wide budget cut. Once the state reaches a solid budget, then I think it would be manageable to implicate a stronger health insurance program."

Pete Trujillo
Biology/Psychology

Valentine's Day: not all chocolate hearts for the depressed

Candy hearts, chocolate, oversized stuffed animals and cheesy "I love you" cards: Valentine's Day comes again. It seems like everyone is part of a happy couple that nothing could tear apart, as you take the day to celebrate love and all its sweetness. However, Valentine's Day is not made of only love and happiness. There are also emotions of a darker sort lurking in some on this day to celebrate love.

Seeing so much commercialized infatuation can make people feel alone and depressed. For a single person, Valentine's Day can be a real pain in the heart. This depression is not just a phase or something that will disappear over time; it is a real illness and can have some serious side effects.

These side effects can include more mild symptoms like fatigue, or they can be serious. The most serious of these symptoms include self-injury and suicide. Other signs of depression include feelings of worthlessness, self-hate and inappropriate guilt. Some people withdraw themselves from their usual activities and don't find as much joy in things that they used to love. No matter how severe the case, depression always hurts and the pain alone can prompt



Erin Hartwig
Contributing Columnist

some to pay the ultimate price: suicide.

If you know someone who is depressed or potentially suicidal, don't refrain from telling them that they are loved. Remind them that there's always hope for tomorrow and tell them not to be afraid to seek counseling support from the University Wellness Center, even if this is not a recurring problem. The counselors there are chock full of good advice and getting help is not as utterly terrifying as it seems. Also, make sure that the person knows that they are not alone and that lots of people care.

These actions seem really simple, but you would be surprised at how much a simple "you are important to me" or similar compli-

ment can mean to one of the millions who suffer from this extremely common psychological disorder.

Candy hearts, chocolate, oversized stuffed animals and cheesy "I love you" cards are the things that most people think about when it comes to Valentine's Day. However, the holiday is really more about love as a whole than romance. If people, especially singles, could think of Valentine's Day as a celebration of love in all of its forms, maybe there would not be as many depressed people around that day.

Valentine's Day does not have to be all about romance; it can be about loving your friends, too. After all, a life without friends would be lonely indeed.

WHAT THE DEUCE: HAITIAN GOVERNMENT

Broken promises cannot fix broken buildings



CARL JUSTE | MCT CAMPUS
Carpenter Dieusel Pierre, 53, works on the assembly of a neighbor's home inside the makeshift settlement of Canaan, Haiti, where many are not waiting for international aid but are clearing trees, building roads and erecting homes themselves. Pierre stands outside his own home, which is still under construction.

In the week following the Jan. 12 earthquakes in Haiti last year, CNN Money reported that \$300 million in donations was raised. On July 29 of the same year, they issued another article reporting that the number had grown to \$1.3 billion. Additionally, countries worldwide had pledged a collective \$12 billion more.

Yet 13 months after the last aftershocks rumbled across the peninsular country, nearly 1.5 million people still live in makeshift tents, according to the Mass. Sun Chronicle.

Displaced, homeless, hungry and unemployed Haitians have the Haitian government to blame. Since the quakes, their actions have halted any significant progress. The fraud and dishonesty behind the Nov. 28 elections showed that the small nation is not capable of effectively distributing the \$13 billion in donated funds. After those elections, international giving slowed to a trickle.

A crooked government does not inspire foreign aid. Haiti's leaders have proven that they are incapable of handling the flood of donations. World leaders caught on and stopped sending money, and hundreds of thousands of people are still starving and homeless as a result.

Haiti was in a bad place before the earthquake, cholera epidemic and hurricane. The first step must be a trustworthy government able enough to fix its negative image and rebuild Haiti.

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Students share stories of struggle, empowerment

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

It is in the nature of women to talk about personal experiences and new discoveries. A handful of women decided to take it a step further, bringing “The Vagina Monologues” to Northwest.

The performance of personal reflection shares with the audience the story of struggle for women to deal with the complex emotional and physical aspects of having a vagina.

Each story depicts any and all relations to the vagina be it through sex, love, rape, menstruation, mutilation, masturbation, birth, orgasm, the variety of names for the vagina or how transgender individuals deal with the changes to the body. The stories are both informative and graphic, hoping to educate the audience of the serious effects this play has on people’s lives.

Directors Kelsey Matthias a junior and Samantha Hundly a sophomore, share that the monologues give women the confidence to talk openly about their personal experiences with being a woman.

“It made me more comfortable after hearing what these people shared,” Matthias said, “As a theater major, you hear about ‘The Vagina Monologues’ but never really discuss it. I hadn’t thought about the importance of sharing it with other women.”

“The Vagina Monologues” is an episodic play written by Eve Ensler and performed internationally before launching a global non-profit movement that raised over \$75 million for women’s anti-violence groups.

The play has run at Northwest for seven years. All actors who participate in the performance have a personal attachment to the stories and what they represent.

“It is a very freeing experience, there are a lot of different stories told in the play,” Hundly said.

The first play opened at HERE Arts Center

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PERSONAL Reflection

(FROM LEFT) ERICA JACKSON, MICHELLE Castillo Kelsey Matthias and Samantha Hundly convey varying emotions during Friday’s performance of the Vagina Monologues at the Wesley Center on campus. The monologues were a collection of different women’s testimonies throughout the world.

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cation will make it possible to check out and renew library items. He also said that it is more efficient and easier to navigate than finding the same things on the web-based catalog.

"It's just press and go, there are fewer steps," Han said.

Han, a South Korean native, has been at the University for over five years. Last fall he took a course that helped teach him the ins and outs of developing iPhone applications.

The course, Advanced Topics in Computer Science, is, as instructor Michael Rogers, calls it "sort of a wild card course," allowing professors to teach whatever subject might be in high demand. Last fall it was iPhone applications.

SUPER

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think the district will still be pretty sound financially."

Linthacum graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia before teaching at a Jefferson City public school. He then worked with South

"It's a huge demand in industries," Rogers said. "Industries are really clamoring for people who can develop iPhone apps... And they really need people who are well versed."

Senior Tyler Ramaekers also took the course and created an application for Quiznos. He said that before taking the class he knew nothing about iPhones, let alone how to develop an application.

"I built it with the mentality that if I perfect this thing, I could one day sell it to Quiznos," he said.

Ramaekers also agreed with Rogers, saying that the knowledge gained from this course will help him get ahead in the work force.

"I think it's a huge point to talk about in an interview," Ramaekers said. "If I'm going to work for someone who would find use from building an iP-

Harrison for 15 years, coaching boys' basketball, football and golf. During that time, he was also a business teacher, career center director, and finally superintendent.

"I am a firm believer that every kid has got to find something that they're passionate about," Linthacum said. "Not all kids get warm fuzzies in math, science, history and

hone app, I can talk about how I'm not an expert but I know what I'm doing."

Regarding Han, Rogers said it was clear he had some background in programming.

"He was always right there at the head of the class in developing apps," Rogers said.

Han already had an interest in the technology and by taking the course was able to convert his interest into something more.

"I have an iPod Touch and I really like the interface and just wanted to learn more about the programming inside," Han said. "I like to figure out the problems and solve the algorithms."

Although this was supposed to be only a one-time course, Rogers said that it is already on the books for this fall and that he would like to see it become a continuing course.

English, but if they can find something else that they're truly excited about, guess what? They're going to do better in math, science, history and English."

The new superintendent will first finish his contract with South Harrison before moving into his new Maryville office, the Central Office just north of Maryville High School, July 1.

RIVALS

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the crowd into it and we were able to pull it out in the end."

CITY

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Jim Blackford, Maryville Chamber of Commerce member, said the Downtown Revitalization project began eight years ago.

"It was a grass roots project generated by some concerned citizens, primarily intended to enhance the landscapes and streetscapes, and the impression of the city for our visitors when they come to town," Blackford said.

The sidewalks around the courthouse, the intersections at 3rd and Market streets and 4th and Market streets and the streetscape on Market Street between 3rd and 4th streets are already complete.

All phases of the project are estimated to cost a total of \$2.5 million.

REFLECT

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in New York City Oct. 3, 1996. It gained popularity through word of mouth, which eventually resulted in the performance in Madison Square Garden in 2001, which featured celebrities like Melissa Etheridge and Whoopi Goldberg. The "Vagina Monologues" have even traveled to several Muslim countries, including Egypt, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Pakistan.

The stories attempt to connect speaker and viewer on a personal level, letting members of the audience know that women all struggle with similar issues.

"You are truly getting to know these girls on a personal level," Hundly said.

The play exposes both the negative and positive effects of being a woman and the struggles some, unfortunately, have to go through in order to achieve their independence.

The "Vagina Monologues" have spread controversy across the world for over a decade, revealing the truth about womanhood to life. The international V-Day website is open for all women wanting to learn about the history of the movements that hopes to inform people about the common struggles women face every day.

For more information visit www.vday.org.

STATE

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the sophomore has fought with throughout the season.

"It really was causing him a lot of trouble in the second match, so we injury defaulted that one," Drake said. "We came back then and he just was able to kind of hang on and win the next match, which got him qualified into state. We didn't even take any chances with him in the next round, we just automatically injury defaulted him."

As a freshman, Zech compiled a 2-2 record at the state meet. Zech was recently ranked No. 5 in his weight class for Class 1.

For the three newcomers, Zech will bring the most experience to the group.

"Anytime you can take someone down there that's been there, he's a big plus for everyone else," Drake said. "He'll kind of show (Coleman, Stiens and Twaddle around). Hopefully he'll be a little more relaxed and in that he'll know where things are, he'll know the routine."

Twaddle was in a state of relief once he found out he automatically qualified for the state meet in his last opportunity.

"It's about time," Twaddle said. "One of my goals at the beginning of the year was to place at state. I made it, so now I can reach my number one goal from the start of the season."

Wrestling begins at 10 a.m. today at Mizzou Arena. The finals will begin at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

fore Saturday's tilt at Central Missouri. The 'Cats and Jennies face off at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the UCM Multipurpose Building. Results from Wednesday's game were not available at press time.

ALLEN

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"I really liked the campus and the coaching staff with Coach Tapp, so that's why I chose to come here," Allen said.

But the culture shock was nonetheless a big one, going from a metropolis to what Allen calls "the country."

"That was the biggest change," Allen said. "Basketball-wise, I think it was just listening to the coaching staff. In high school I was kind of hard headed, so when I got here, I wanted to change that."

Allen came into a winning program, the 'Cats went 24-7 in 2006-07 and helped the team to a 24-8 record and an appearance in the South Central Regional Tournament his freshman year.

During his sophomore season, Allen became a starter and averaged 13.1 points per game, second on the team, but the ball still did not seem to be bouncing his way.

Then Tappmeyer abruptly retired after the team went 12-15 and missed out on the

MIAA Tournament.

That same scoring ability that undoubtedly caught Tappmeyer's eye is the first thing Northwest head coach Ben McCollum noticed about the forward two years ago.


"He's a great scorer, really has a knack; a great instinct to find opportunities to score," McCollum said.

With Tappmeyer and star center Hunter Henry gone, the role of leader fell directly on Allen's shoulders.

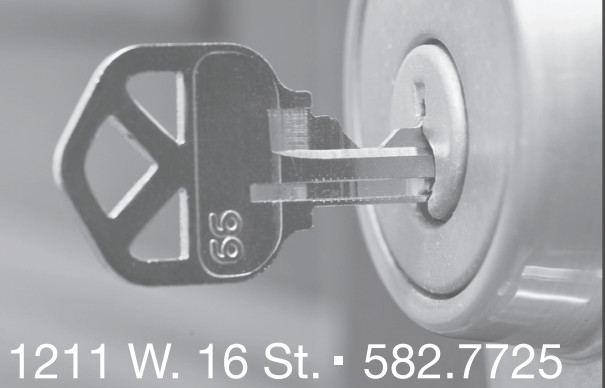
There were growing pains, with four transfers and two freshmen on the roster, but Allen stayed positive and took his new role in stride under the less-strict McCollum.

He earned All-MIAA honorable mention and posted team-highs with 17.6 points and 6.8 rebounds, but the team struggled again. The Bearcats lost their last three games and missed the MIAA Tournament for a second consecutive season.

Tired of the losing, Allen knew he had to step up. Not only did he grow up on the court, he grew as a person off of it.

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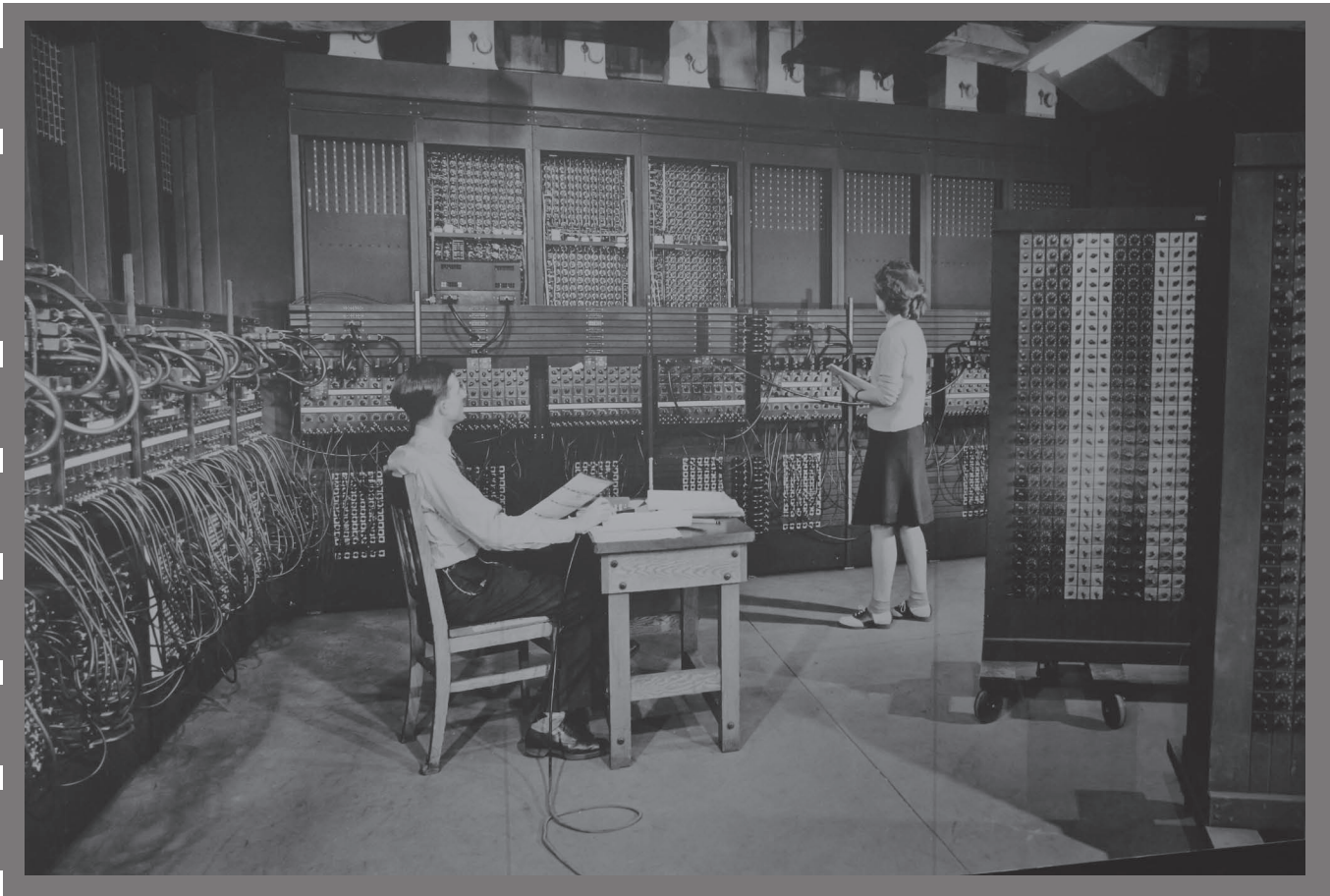
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JEAN JENNINGS BARTIK pictured on the right in the Jean Jennings Computing Museum located on the second floor of the B.D. Owens Library.

A look into ‘The Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum’

Amanda Schulte-Smith
Feature Editor

Jean Jennings Bartik was a woman determined to find adventure. After graduating from Northwest Missouri State University, formerly called Northwest Missouri State Teachers College in 1945, Bartik answered the call of a lifetime, changing the way we see technology for years to come.

Bartik grew up on a farm in Gentry County, Mo. on Dec. 27, 1924, she was sixth out of seven children and studied math at Northwest.

Despite social norms and the request of her father to stay on the farm after graduation, Bartik received an invitation from the University of Pennsylvania to calculate ballistics-firing tables for the artillery developed for WW II effort. Bartik was a part of 80 other women who shared the job title of computer. Computer at that time was a job title, not a machine.

At the Army’s request in late 1945, Jean joined a team of six women to work on what was known at the time as a secret machine, one that would later become the foundation for the modern computers we use today.

The Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer was the first all-electronic, programmable computer. The women worked six days a week, often pulling double or triple shifts. Bartik and her team at the time had no computer manuals or guides, but taught themselves ENIAC’s operation from looking at how it worked, the electrical block diagrams, and from there, figured out how to program it. The Army revealed the ENIAC to the public Feb. 15, 1946.

The six women were never initially recognized for their discovery due to the era being dominated by male superiority; the ENIAC was credited to its hardware inventors Dr. John Mauchly and J. Presper Eckert. For forty years, their roles and hard work were forgotten and their story was lost to history. They were seen as models, placed in pictures to show off the machine. Their first story released recognizing their efforts was in the Wall Street Journal in 1996.

Bartik and her team were later rediscovered and recognized as computing pioneers after another article was written later that year in the IEEE Annuals of History of Computing. Bartik was introduced into the

Women in Technology International Hall of Fame in 1997.

Bartik went on to receive the IEEE Computer Society Board of Governors award in 2008, where she was honored for her pioneering efforts as one of the first computer programmers. The same year she agreed to present the commencement speech for Northwest graduates.

Jon Rickman, the vice president of Information Systems and close friend of Bartik, said the speech was inspirational to students and families.

“When Jean gave our commencement speech, she got a standing ovation. That doesn’t happen very often,” Rickman said.

In an effort to recognize Bartik on her extraordinary accomplishments, Northwest opened the Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum in 2002.

The museum shows Bartik’s life through her high school and University years and includes all of her awards dedicated by Bartik herself. The museum gives the history of computing and includes one of the decade ring counters from the original ENIAC, loaned from the Smithsonian.

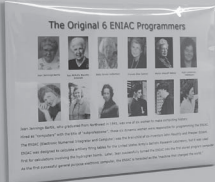
Through her hard work and determination, Bartik created the

foundation for modern technology. Northwest strived to shadow her excellence by becoming the first public college in America to install computer terminals in every dorm room. The University set the bar high by purchasing and using various models of computers in the late ‘60s.

In 2005, through the efforts of the University and Rickman, Northwest was able to create a campus-wide notebook computer program. Northwest’s effort to advance its students with technology is recognized to the public as being the electronic campus. Earlier models used by the university are collected and used for show as an addition to the Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum, reminding any visitors of her great accomplishments and advances she made in the world of technology.



Jean Jennings Bartik
Computing Museum



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A DECADE RING from the original ENIAC on loan from the Smithsonian along with various other artifacts are on display in the Jean Jennings Bartik Museum.

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2002 Northwest opens the Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum.

2008 Bartik receives the IEEE Computer Society Board of Governor’s Award.

1924 Jean Jennings was born on a farm in Gentry County, Mo.

1945 Joins a team of 6 women to work on what would be the beginnings of the modern computer.

1946 Army reveals ENIAC to the public on Feb. 15.

1997 Bartik introduced into the Women in Technology International Hall of Fame.

2005 Northwest helps create a campus-wide notebook computer program.

What's HOT

Musical super group

John Mayer, Keith Urban and Norah Jones got together on Sunday at the Grammys to perform “Jolene” by Dolly Parton to honor her for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Maryville weather

That’s right, Maryville’s weather is finally tolerable again. With the weather getting up into the 50s and 60s, residents finally receive some relief from the cold.

Birth control locator

On Monday, the New York City Health Department released an app for finding free condom distribution centers in the city.

What's NOT

Lady Gaga’s ‘egg’ citing entrance
Leave it to Lady Gaga to show up to the Grammys in a futuristic egg. The artist said that the whole thing was a part of her new album Born This Way.

Bieber Fever

Bieber’s new movie earned over \$30 million, making it apparent that pre-pubescent pop continues to grab the attention of fans everywhere.

Indie-rock giant swirls together past releases

By Ben Lawson
Missourian Reporter

Bright Eyes has been the symbol for poetic indie rock since they burst onto the charts in 2002. In the past eight years, Bright Eyes frontman Connor Oberst became the poster boy for broody art-rock. His song writing talent earned him well-deserved comparisons to Bob Dylan. According to Oberst, this will be the last Bright Eyes album. In a June 2009 interview with the Rolling Stone, Oberst said, “It (Bright Eyes) does feel like it needs to stop at some point,” and that he would do one final album with the band. Many artists have announced retirement only to come out of it a few years later, so only time will prove the

legitimacy of this comment. The People’s Key is a blend of all the different Bright Eye’s sounds that fans have heard throughout their various albums. Everything from the techno-synth of “Digital Ash in a Digital Urn” to the folk-roots sound of I’m Wide Awake, It’s Morning is heard on this album. Like all Connor Oberst projects, this band feels like it is solely driven by Oberst’s style and ideology. Oberst said he has never found a religion he fits him, but he does make several references to Rastafarianism in his most recent release. Rastafarianism came from a Christian culture in Jamaica that promotes the spiritual use of marijuana and a rejection for western society. In “Triple

Spiral” he mocks the materialism of western culture by speaking of “a casket made of fourteen karat gold.” Oberst’s song writing always has the eerie feel that it is beyond the listener, which fits in with the trippy sound of the album. In “Haile Selassie” Oberst sings “I seen, I seen, I seen stranger things man” when telling a story of a pilgrim “hitchhiking back to Zion.” Fans should not miss this album, whether or not it is Bright Eyes’ last. It is the product of years of careful style experimentation. At this point in their career, Bright Eyes has fully developed the sound they needed to be considered one of the best and most unique acts of their time.



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actually a happy dude, but that’s not what I’m here for. You may not know this, but you numskulls need me to keep things in perspective. You know how laughter is the best medicine? You guys ought to be high as a kite on my prescription meds by now, judging by the number of chuckles and guffaws I’ve elicited from my readers over the last 93 years. No Stroller’s resume is complete without a satirical reference that everyone falls for and takes seriously. For example, Mel Tjeerdsma is definitely not coming back. If he is, do you think that I would be the one to tell you? Do I really seem like a verifiable news source? I used the term “crunchy

nugget” a few paragraphs ago. But you dupes believed me anyway when I “announced” it last week. I should have expected such from my faithful followers. Finally, you’ve got to be on task. When I’m not paging through “adult services” ads on Craigslist, I’m mapping out smarter and more thorough strolling routes to maximize my strolling efficiency. Still think you’re up for the task? It’s okay if you feel inadequate. Just spend some more time with those crunchy nuggets and then we’ll see.

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17 General at Cold Harbor
18 Latish alarm setting
19 Proterozoic, for one
20 Family title word
21 Pool feature
22 Have no use for, and then some
23 Use a tap, perhaps
24 “We need to talk”
25 Rage
26 On the defensive
27 Put on guard
28 Gardener’s soil hauler
31 Impedes
32 Albéniz piano work
33 Magazine with a “Best Places to Live” feature
34 Gauge
35 Court official’s call
36 Brief memo nicety
39 Gym set
40 Speciously highbrow
41 Send sprawling
42 Top 10 hit from U2’s “Achtung Baby” album
43 Equine facial marking
44 “Take ___!”
45 Offended parties in a long-running series of 3-Down
48 Experience sudden inspiration
49 Investigates, with “into”
50 Airfield fixtures

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2 Not on the ball
3 Show stoppers
4 Spot for studs
5 Terminal abbr.
6 Reward for rolling over
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9 Hardly odds-on
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12 Less likely to mix
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22 Hideous hybrid of myth
24 It may be winding
25 “American Buffalo” playwright
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28 “Lie to Me” star
29 Patsy’s protest
30 Political blog feature, often
31 Mrs. Norris in the “Harry Potter” books, e.g.
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THE WIRE

Phelps named volleyball assistant

Head volleyball coach Jessica Rinehart announced the addition of Amy Phelps to her coaching staff last week. Phelps has spent the past six seasons as the assistant coach at Alaska Fairbanks. Prior to her time in Alaska, Phelps assisted the men's and women's teams at her alma mater, Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. Phelps will serve as the

primary recruiter and work with the setters and middle hitters. A setter in college, she earned first-team all-conference and all-region honors. She was also named an honorable mention NAIA All-American and an NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete. Phelps will begin her duties with the Bearcats March 1.

Tjeerdsma will lead Team USA

Former head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma has been selected to lead the 2011 U.S. Men's National Football Team. The team will compete in the fourth International Federation of American Football Senior World Championships July 8-16 in Austria. The tournament features eight nations and has been held every four years since 1999. Team USA first competed in 2007 and brought home gold, defeating Japan 23-20 in double overtime in Tokyo. The United States

will be a part of Group A and play all of its games in Innsbruck, Austria. Australia, Germany and Mexico are the other three teams in Group A. All of the medal games will be held in Vienna. Team USA is looking for 45 athletes age 20 and older, including current NCAA athletes, graduating seniors and other athletes older than 20. A training camp will be held June 28 to July 4 before the team leaves for Austria. Team USA's first game is against Australia at 9 a.m. July 8.

Soccer adds 9 for 2011 season


Head soccer coach Tracy Hoza announced Friday that nine players have signed National Letters of Intent to join the Bearcats next season. The 'Cats emphasized defense and versatility with the incoming class. Northwest signed defenders Taylor Rae Sellars (Platte City, Mo.), Breah Sanders (Kansas City, Mo.) and Emily Arnold (Council Bluffs, Iowa). Amanda Spade (Holton, Kan.) can be used as a defender or midfielder, Jonna

Welch (Bolivar, Mo.) and Beth Walde (Omaha, Neb.) were recruited to play both offensive positions, forward and midfielder. Forwards Tori Von Mende (Council Bluffs, Iowa) and Tammie Eiberger (Shelby Township, Mich.) along with midfielder Rachel Harada (Des Moines, Iowa) round out the 2011 recruiting class. Northwest opens its season Sept. 2 against Texas A&M-Commerce at Bearcat Pitch.

Northwest wrestlers in action

Jordan Peter recently won his 165-pound weight class at the Missouri Valley Open. Peter competed against wrestlers from Division I, II, III and NAIA. He earned two pins during the tournament,

while his younger brother Travis, 133 lbs., collected five pins on his way to a fifth place finish. In all, seven Northwest wrestling club members competed at the open tournament in Marshall, Mo. last weekend.





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SENIOR GUARD TYLER Peve leaps towards the basket in the 'Hounds' 72-28 victory over Auburn, Neb. Peve scored 24 points, 22 coming in the first half.

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Valentine's Day massacre

Peve ignites 44-point blowout, capture back-to-back wins

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' basketball team was not in the giving mood when it came to handing out Valentines Monday night.

However, they were more than willing to hand Auburn (Neb.) a 44-point beating.

Senior guard Tyler Peve was the most generous of the 'Hounds, chipping in 24 points on the night. It was his 22 first half-points that paced the 'Hounds to their 37-23 halftime lead.

"He was just in one of those grooves," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "He was focused in and he was just ready to play ball. When he does

that, he's pretty hard to stop."

The first half included a 16-0 run by the 'Hounds and 29-8 lead mid-way through the second quarter.

However, Auburn was able to claw their way back into the game briefly, to the dismay of Kuwitzky.

"(Defense) was pretty good except for that lapse there in the second quarter," Kuwitzky said. "They put some people in, we put some people in and we didn't know who we had when they went on that little run."

The Bulldog offense was scarce throughout the second half as Maryville allowed only five points in the final 16 minutes of play.

Junior guard Tyler Walter and the rest of the 'Hounds showed a balance offensive attack after halftime, stringing together a 17-0 run to open the half.

A 9-0 and an 8-0 run later, and the 'Hounds were holding the ball for the last minute of play, resting on a 72-28 lead and an eventual confidence boosting win.

"Right now, we're just looking at one quarter, one half, one game at a time and then the next one," Kuwitzky said.

Nearly a week removed from snapping a season-long six game losing streak, Kuwitzky pinpointed the differences of Monday's blowout and the team's skid.

"I thought we're pretty physical," Kuwitzky said. "We had energy, that's what we need. We've lacked energy a couple of games, but these last two we've had energy — boy, that makes all the difference in the world in basketball."

The 'Hounds hit the court next at 5 p.m. tomorrow against Savannah.

Seniors, press spark lopsided thrashing

By Chris Schoonover
Missourian Reporter

The Lady Spoofohounds cruised to a win Tuesday night, beating Nebraska City, 70-21.

The 'Hounds were led by senior forward Taylor Gadbois who finished with a team-high 17 points and seven rebounds.

Fellow senior Mataya Wooten finished the game with 15 points to go along with three assists and five steals.

"Taylor did a good job on the top of the press," head coach Grant Hageman said. "She pressured the ball and that led to a lot of steals and points for her and the team."

The 'Hounds came out in a full court press which forced Nebraska City to commit 30 turnovers. The press has been a work in progress.

"We've been wanting to work on our press a little bit and our catch up defense," Hageman said. "For the most part it was effective, but I think it still can get better."

Defensively, the 'Hounds were led by senior guard Shannon McClellan, who had 10 steals to go along with nine points and four boards.

"She did a good job anticipating the ball," Hageman said. "She has just played so much basketball she can read that easily."

Overall, eight 'Hounds recorded steals.

The 'Hounds go on the road next to at 6:30 p.m. tonight to take on Savannah in a conference game.

"We don't want to lose our last game as seniors, against Savannah, so we will be ready to go," McClellan said. "They are a tough match-up so we have to be prepared and bring our best."

Four wrestlers punch tickets to state meet

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

Three new faces made their first trips to Columbia, Mo. Wednesday for the Missouri State Wrestling Championships.

Freshman Logan Coleman, 119 pounds (26-17), sophomore Derek Stiens, 140 lbs. (32-14) and senior Will Twaddle, 152 lbs. (32-10) all captured fourth place finishes at the Class 1 District 4 wrestling tournament, hosted by Maryville High School.

Making his return to the

state tournament is sophomore Jordan Zech, 160 lbs. (40-6), who also finished in fourth place.

"We're pleased to have four wrestlers going into the state tournament," head coach Joe Drake said. "But, we thought that maybe a couple might have placed a little higher. As it turned out we're just glad to have four through."

Zech's trip to state was not without a great deal of pain, after re-injuring a torn labrum



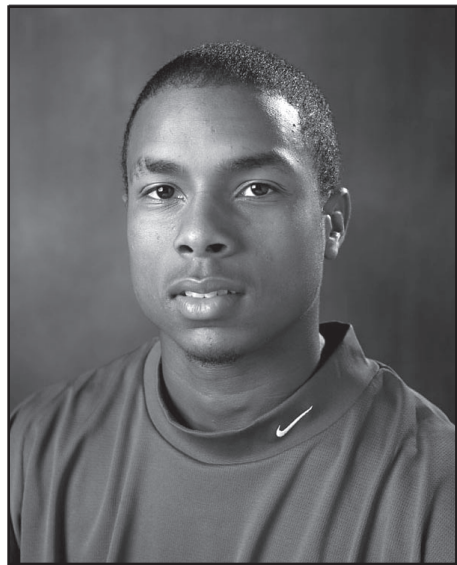
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SEE **STATE** | A6 FRESHMAN DANE HALL attempts to turn his opponent for near fall points.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

DeShaun Cooper



Sophomore point guard DeShaun Cooper scored a career-high 31 points in leading the Bearcats to a 73-69 win over Missouri Western.

Gabby Curtis



Senior guard Gabby Curtis scored a game-high 34 points to lead Northwest to a 91-82 win over Missouri Western on Saturday night in St. Joseph, Mo.

Tyler Peve



Senior guard Tyler Peve led Maryville to a 72-28 victory over Auburn (Neb.) Monday night. Peve scored a game-high 24 points, 22 of which came in the first half.

Taylor Gadbois



Senior post Taylor Gadbois recorded 17 points, seven rebounds and four steals in the Spoofohounds' 70-21 victory over Nebraska City on Tuesday night.

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FRESHMAN SAMANTHA FENDER practices sprinting on Wednesday at Bearcat Areana. The 'Cats will compete in the Central Missouri Classic Friday in Warrensburg, Mo.

Surprise finishes
spark track team

By Orlando Carrizales
Missourian Reporter

Multiple Bearcats set personal bests at the Concordia Indoor Classic in Seward, Neb. on Saturday.

Sophomore Megan Davis earned a provisional qualifying mark in the long jump, jumping a personal best 18-feet, 3-inches.

Junior hurdler Tyler Shaw also set a new career best. Shaw won his 60m hurdle heat, running 8.04 seconds and placing second overall. Shaw also ran a 22.38 in the 200m dash earning him second.

Junior distance runner T.R. Pursell also had a personal best during the weekend. Pursell placed fourth in the mile run with a time of 4:18 minutes.

Sophomore distance runner Katti Carroll and junior sprinter Taylor Overmiller each claimed first place in their events. Carroll ran 10:23 in the 3,000m while Overmiller ran 1:56 in the 800m.

Senior Rachel Lewis and freshmen Samantha Fender and Courtney Mitchell battled each other in the 60m dash.

They took second, third, and fourth, respectively. All three posted personal bests, running sub-7.9 races.

"The women's 60 meter was probably the biggest highlight of the whole weekend," graduate assistant Emily Churchman said. "Two of those girls were freshman, so to get three girls under 7.9 is huge. The last time we had people under 7.9 consistently like that was when we had multiple time All-Americans Alisha Samuel and Kailea Cook."

Cook was an All-American from 2004-06 and Samuel was an All-American during the 2003-06 seasons.

"We have a good leader in Rachel Lewis," Lorek said. "Rachel is having a great year as a senior. She had a tremendous fall, worked very very hard. Courtney Mitchell is running very well as a freshman. Samantha Fender is the big surprise. She is way better than what she was in high school already."

The next meet for the 'Cats is Feb. 18 at Warrensburg, Mo. as they compete in the Central Missouri Classic.

Streak keeps tourney hopes alive

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest men's basketball team picked a good time to put together its longest winning streak of the season.

The Bearcats have won three straight and four of their last five games to put themselves back in position to make a run at the MIAA Tournament.

"We've really played to win as opposed to playing not to lose," head coach Ben McCollum said. "I think when you do that, you don't have that fear in the back of your mind, 'Man if we lose this game, we're going to miss the conference tournament.'"

"We're trying to make it, we're just not going to talk about it and I don't want my players talking about it because I want their focus to be on one thing."

The 'Cats are currently two games back of eighth place and three teams are tied at 8-8 with four games to go.

On Saturday, the 'Cats completed the season sweep of rival Missouri Western, knocking off the Griffons 73-69.

Northwest led at half-time, 33-32, after junior forward Jake Reinders hit a running shot from half court as time expired.

Sophomore point guard DeShaun Cooper played all 40 minutes and none were more crucial than the final two, when Cooper scored seven straight points to turn a one point deficit into a four point advantage for the 'Cats.

"He played great," McCollum said. "When he's locked in, there's not a lot of things that can stop him...He stayed locked in mentally and that is so key."

Cooper finished with a career and game-high 31 points to lead Northwest. Junior guard Kyle Haake dropped in 14 points and grabbed a career-high nine rebounds.

Last Wednesday, Lincoln (Mo.), who is winless in conference play, gave the Bearcats a scare, coming back from an 11-point half-time deficit to lead with five minutes to play.

The Tigers went scoreless over the final four minutes and senior forward Elijah



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SOPHOMORE GUARD DESHAUN Cooper goes over a defender in a game last month. Cooper scored a career-high 31 points against Missouri Western on Saturday.

Allen scored the go-ahead bucket with 1:10 remaining en route to the 59-56 victory.

Allen led the 'Cats with 19 points and Cooper chipped in 12 points in the win.

Northwest was at home last night against Truman State, who currently sits in 11th in the MIAA. Results were not available as of press time.

The 'Cats are embracing the role of giant killer and want to do so again at 1:30 p.m. Saturday as they take on Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo.

"We're actually not even focused on making the tournament," Allen said. "It would be great if we did, but right now we're just thinking about ruining other people's

seasons.

"That's our motto that we've been carrying for the last five games and it's been doing well for us. We haven't been worried about standings and stuff. I don't even know if any of the guys have even checked. It kind of shows how we're maturing and not worrying, just taking it one game at a time."

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Journey leads senior forward on road of success

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Over 11 hours and 700 miles away from Maryville, in Columbus, Ohio, senior forward Elijah Allen began his journey to be the first in his family to earn a college degree and brought his skills on the court to the Bearcats.

Allen was a four-year letter winner in basketball at St. Francis DeSales High School in Columbus. He graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,312 points.

His scoring ability is what got him noticed by college coaches. Northwest was one of only two Division II schools that Allen visited as several Division I schools were also in the mix to add him to their team.

Former Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer got the six foot- four inch forward to put pen to paper and sign a national letter of intent with the Bearcats.

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SENIOR FORWARD ELIJAH Allen has eclipsed the 1,200 point mark in both his high school and collegiate careers.

COLUMN

‘Tapp’
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By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

“The football program was so successful that I didn't see the basketball program growing as much as I wanted to,” former Northwest men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer said in a recent article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

I'm sorry you feel that way Steve, but who's to blame for that perception? That's right, you are. After spending 21 years at Northwest, Tappmeyer retired after the 2009 season, his fourth losing season as head coach.

Let's take a look at the first part of the equation. In 1988 when you took over the program, Northwest was far from the football school we see today. In fact it was definitely more of a basketball school. In 1988, the basketball team was coming off seven straight 15 win seasons, good but not great. I'm sure hopes were high when you took your first team to the NCAA Tournament, but it took another nine years to get back there.

Now let's look at your assertion that Northwest is a “football school.” While this may be true now, you had every opportunity to make sure basketball kept pace with the football program. After the back-to-back national championships by the football team, you made the NCAA Tournament five straight seasons from 2000-2004, earning two regional titles. Then, after a year hiatus, another three straight trips to postseason play.

After this you missed the MIAA Tournament and retired the next season. Maybe you were operating with the short end of the stick and people would be talking about Northwest as the “Duke of D2” had more resources been available to you. You had the opportunity to make this a “basketball school” in the beginning when the football program was less than desirable. The chance was wasted when Mel Tjeerdsma came to town and stole your thunder and basketball was forced to take the backseat to an even more successful football program.

You are probably right that as a “football school” other sports will suffer. That needs to change. The success of one sport should not take away from the success of other sports, but enhance the success of other sports. I guess it can't help that the football team is still playing games when you are in the middle of conference play, but a lot of schools capitalize on the success of multiple sports. Grand Valley State is one example. Not just a football powerhouse; they've enjoyed runs of success from the women's soccer, golf, track, cross country and basketball teams in recent years.

I don't know why Northwest puts all of its eggs in the football basket, but it seems to be working. Let's hope if the football program declines, Bearcat athletics won't fade into obscurity, and some other sport can pick up the banner and run without being overshadowed by the “football school” mentality.



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SENIOR GUARD GABBY Curtis prepares to drive toward the hoop during the 'Cats' 61-50 win over Pittsburg State on Feb. 5. Curtis scored 34 total points in the 'Cats' 91-82 victory over Missouri Western Saturday.

’Cats survive rivalry matchup

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

Things looked comfortable for the Northwest women against rivals Missouri Western.

The Bearcats enjoyed a 20 point lead, but Mo. Western made their run, cutting the lead to just three. Northwest responded and built the final margin in a 91-82 victory.

Senior forward Gentry Dietz put in a 10-point second half performance also adding nine rebounds in the frame on the way to a 13 point 14 rebound effort.

“At one point you could see a little look of panic in her eyes,” head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. “I could see the look of panic on her face and I almost considered taking her out... She never panicked and that's the sign of a senior. Gentry has been through some wars and it was new territory for her.”

Senior guard Gabby Curtis scored a game-high 34 points, one point short of her career high. Senior center Kyla Roehrig and junior guard Abby Henry also added double figures scoring 18 and 10 points respectively.

Northwest took a 53-35 lead into the half after Roehrig tipped in a Henry miss at the buzzer. The 53 points is a season-high for points in a half.

“After the first 20 minutes I could swear we were peaking,” Steinmeyer said. “Then the last 20 minutes all I could think of is if you give up a 20 point lead you're not going to be conference champions. We didn't panic (when) it got to five. (Western coach) Lynn (Plett) made some great adjustments; we didn't make such great of adjustments and they came back, but we straightened it out just in time.”

Western fell to sixth place in the conference. It was a rare home loss for the Griffons who are now 9-2 at home. The record includes upset wins over Washburn and Emporia State.

“Western is a good team,” Dietz said. “We were playing some of our best basketball in the first half. When we're playing our best basketball we are really hard to stop. The second half, they got going; they got

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